THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir. Targetted annual growth rate in value of agricultural output in the Ninth Plan is 4.5 per cent per annum.

(b) Ninth Five Year Plan envisages regionally differentiated strategies for high productivity zone, low productivity and high potential zone, low productivity zone and ecologically fragile regions including Himalayan and desert areas for increasing production and productivity in Agriculture Sector. The priorities for the development of agriculture include conservation of land, water & biological resources, development of rainfed agriculture and minor irrigation, timely and adequate availability of inputs, increased flow of credit, larger public sector investment, enhanced support for research, effective transfer of technology, support for marketing infrastructure, export promotion, strengthening of health care services to livestocks and upgradation of genetic stock of cattle and buffaloes etc.

Report on settlement of Jhumia Tribal Families

2440. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Tripura sent any project report for settlement of 'Jhumia' tribal families based on rubber cultivation;

(b) if so, what was the estimated project cost; and

(c) how much of that projected cost, the State Government requested the Planning Commission to bear as a special assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINIS-

TRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Project report for settlement of 'Jhumia' tribal families based on rubber cultivation put the cost at Rs. 403 crores.

(c) The Government of Tripura requested the Planning Commission to provide 10% of the projected cost through additional Central Assistance.

Agro and Rural Industries in Hilly Regions

2441. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to undertake a survey of Agro Rural Industries (feasibility) in hilly regions of Darjeeling District;

(b) if so, timeframe thereof; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Small Scale Industries in Rajasthan

†2442. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the state-wise number of small scale units working in the country;

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